THE ELECTRONIC REGULAR MEETING OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020 BY MAYOR TERBRACK

PRESENT: Steve Baker Jack Blanchard
Bridget Dean Ross Gavin
Dennis Hennen Natalie Price
Daniel Terbrack

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilmember Baker motioned to approve. Seconded and supported by councilmember Blanchard

Ayes: Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, Hennen, Price, Baker, and Terbrack
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

INVOCATION: Deacon Daniel Darga

PUBLIC COMMENT - ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No Comments.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Gavin moved to approve the following Consent Agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dean:


WARRANT: Matter of approving Warrant No. 1355.

MOTION NO. M-57-20: Matter of approving the 2020-2021 Winter Maintenance Agreement between the Road Commission for Oakland and the City of Berkley. City will be reimbursed a total of $11,170.05, paid in two installments of $5,585.03 in December 2020 & March 2021.

**PROCLAMATION NO. P-16-20:** Matter of proclaiming Oct 2020 as Cybersecurity Awareness Month
Ayes: Dean, Gavin, Hennen, Price, Baker, Blanchard, and Terbrack
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

**Regular Agenda**

**PRESENTATION NO. 1:** Matter of receiving the Genisys Credit Union Spirit of Main Street Grant presentation to Susan Rogal, rep. of The Fresh Collective Kitchen & Mkt.

John Fry program coordinator for Main Street Oakland County, Theresa Doan Genesis Credit Union

The DDA applied for a grant through Genesis at Main Street Oakland and it was accepted. The DDA was presented a check of $2,100, and Genesis is impressed with the market plans to do with the money being presented.

Questions/Comments from presentation:
Mayor Pro Tem Dean: Congratulations to Susan and the Fresh Collective Kitchen and Market, always exciting when new businesses open in Berkley. Wish you nothing but the best and much success. Thank you, Jennifer, for the hard work and directing the DDA. Also, a thank you to Main Street Oakland and Genesis

Councilmember Baker: proud to help celebrate and recognize all the great work that went into this. This is a great sign for our downtown as we continue to find creative ways to move forward safely and thoughtfully. Congratulations to everyone.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-37-20:** Matter of designating Saturday Dec. 5, 2020 for the Annual Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony in Berkley.
Councilmember Gavin moved to approve R-37-20.
Seconded by Councilmember Hennen.
Ayes: None.
Nays: Gavin, Hennen, Price, Baker, Blanchard, Dean, Terbrack.
Motion Failed.

**MOTION NO. M-58-20:** Matter of appointing a hearing officer for marihuana business license application appeals.
Councilmember Price motioned to approve M-58-20.
Seconded by Councilmember Baker.
Ayes: Hennen, Price, Baker, Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, Terbrack.
Nays: None.
Motion Approved.


MOTION NO. M-62-20: Matter of approving casting Berkley’s official vote for the following to serve as a Director on the Board of Directors for the MML Liability and Property Pool and directing the City Clerk to send in the marked ballot. Councilmember Baker motioned to approve M-62-20. Councilmember Blanchard seconded. Ayes: Hennen, Price, Baker, Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, Terbrack. Nays: None. Motion Approved.


RESOLUTION NO. R-40-20: Matter of considering a resolution to extend approvals of site plan special land use, variances, etc., that were reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals due to COVID delays. Mayor Pro Tem Dean motioned to approve R-40-20. Councilmember Gavin seconded. Ayes: Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, Hennen, Price, Baker, Terbrack. Nays: None. Motion Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Sherry Wells, has an appreciation for various things about Berkley, and has enjoyed Berkley being a good place for meetings and the community being active with recycling.

Presentation: Done by Annika Gunoris liaison for Berkley through the Main Street Oakland County Program presenting Berkley’s Accreditation with DDA. Berkley is one of twelve select
level main street organizations, which gives Berkley additional resources such as some of the grants presented earlier from Genesis and Flagstar, as well as additional services. The Accreditation certificate was shown earlier. Thank you to Berkley for being a part of and supporting the main street organization, and look forward to working with Berkley in the future.

COMMUNICATIONS

MAYOR PRO TEM DEAN: Berkley/Royal Oak high risk response team had a hybrid meeting on Oct. 14th, establishing best practices for combined court, discussed the referral process with respect to each city’s public safety departments. The next team meeting is November 25th. Very encouraged by the effort and support the team has been receiving from both cities.

The Michigan Municipal League Convention was held virtually September 29th through October 2nd. The two sessions that stood out were, one was reopening for business the future of main street. Commending Berkley chamber and DDA for doing all the right steps already and being able to pivot and explore other possibilities for the downtown businesses.
Had the privilege to moderate best practices for parks and recreation under COVID-19 and Director McGarleton is doing all the right things and following the latest guidelines for safety. It is affirming to hear how forward-thinking Berkley is and how on top of things we are.

The community center is now open and masks are required to enter the building. Classes are limited, not only the offerings but the size of the classes are being limited. For more information about classes you may visit the parks and recreation website or you can call. Two outdoor Halloween events are being offered. One is the Halloween parade which is sold out which will be October 22nd. Trunk or Treat at Berkley Boo-tacular is on October 30th, and is being held in conjunction with Berkley parks and recreation and the Berkley Junior Women’s group. Stay up to date with future events and programs on the City’s Facebook page, as well as the Parks and Recreation Facebook page.

COUNCILMEMBER HENNEN: No update from the tree board. From the Zoning Board of Appeals, Alpha Automotive, was allowed to update a non-conforming sign they had. Strategic Energy Solutions was allowed to put a mural on their building but was denied a request for a non-conforming sign.

If you haven’t already get out there and vote.

COUNCILMEMBER GAVIN: Attended the virtual MML conference and sessions on public safety, building community wealth, legislative updates, adapting to Michigan’s changing climate.

Updates from planning commission what was discussed in tonight's meeting was what was covered in the last meeting we held, continuing to receive updates on master plan progress and the next Meeting will be October 27th at 7pm.
The environmental advisory board did not have a meeting in October, the next meeting will be November 19th at 6:30pm.

The next Master Plan steering committee meeting will be October 20th at 7pm.

Don’t forget to vote.

**COUNCILMEMBER BAKER:** The Technology Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet this Wednesday at 6:30pm virtually and the link is online. October is cyber security awareness month. The campaign for this is called Stop, Think, Connect and it reminds us about the risks we take when we link different systems together.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) gathered last Wednesday the 14th and we did not have enough people for quorum during that time of zoom meetings weren’t okay to do. Had great conversations about the wayfinding signs and we will be getting those up later in November and December. Sad update about the Berkley Plaza Project on Coolidge, the bids came in way over than what was expected and the board is going to re-evaluate in the spring and see what project would come within budget.

The historical committee, the museum is now open on Wednesdays from 10am to 1pm. Masks will be requested to be worn. Want to thank DPW with all their help with the old street sign fundraiser, and bringing them to the museum, and the volunteers on the historical committee. The new holiday mug is available at the museum and the City Clerk’s Office.

**COUNCILMEMBER PRICE:** Thank you to the city staff especially those who are working so hard to facilitate a safe and secure election process.

Our library continues to offer curbside pickup and home delivery of items as well as digital resources and virtual events for all ages.

Congratulations to the regular members of the Tuesday afternoon book club who recently celebrated their 25th anniversary of monthly meetings.

The beautification committee will be planting hydrangeas at the newly renamed friends park on Wednesday, social distancing and masks will be required for that activity.

The citizens engagement advisory committee recently updated its mission, values, and duties. More details can be found under boards and commission on the city’s website.

Stay safe and vote.

**COUNCILMEMBER BLANCHARD:** The chamber of commerce magazine which came out about a year ago with their first issue will be coming out again this October. Featuring lists and articles about local businesses and lists all the chamber members and much publicity for local
businesses. The chamber is also involved with the State of the City which will be October 29th at 4pm, it is a virtual state of the city this year.

Trick-or-treating hours start at 6pm, be sure to talk to your children about safety and social distancing guidelines and expectations.

**CITY MANAGER BAUMGARTEN:** City hall reopened on October 6th, thank you to our visitors of being mindful of the new rules and regulations in place.

Thank you to the MML for making sure we can have these meetings virtually, and making sure that senate staff was able to quickly accommodate the signing of this bill.

**CITY CLERK MITCHELL:** November 3rd is the General Election, to date we have issued 6,748 absentee ballots and we have received about 3,200 ballots back. If you do have your absentee ballot completed please drop that off at the City Clerk’s Office, the drop box outside city hall, and we also have a drop box outside the community center. All seven precincts will be open on election day from 7am until 8pm. Additionally, our additional evening office hours were a success and we will be moving into our additional Saturday hours from 9am until 3pm this Saturday, October 24th and 8:30am until 4:30pm on October 31st. If you have any questions regarding voting call us at 248-658-3310 or you can find information and documents at berkleymich.org/vote

**CITY ATTORNEY CHRIST:** No report.

**MAYOR TERBRACK:** Reinforce the guidelines for Halloween safety this year. Treat others with respect, especially if they have differing opinions from your own and especially on social media.

Support your candidates, and don’t hurl insults just because somebody has a different opinion than you and if you haven’t voted as you have heard, please do so on or before November 3rd.

Finally, the school board will be discussing plans for transitioning back to in-person instruction as you know. Want to thank the superintendent, administrative staff, and the school board for their handling of what essentially is a no-win situation, but making decisions based on data and science to keep children and educators safe.

**ADJOURNMENT:**
Councilmember Baker moved to adjourn Regular Meeting at 9:01 pm.
Seconded by Councilmember Blanchard.
Ayes: Gavin, Hennen, Price, Baker, Blanchard, Dean, and Terbrack
Nays: None
Motion Approved.